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## COL. A. D. BOYD SHOOTS HIMSELF, SUFFERING A MENTAL DERANGEMENT

Nestor of the Fayette County Bar Died Thursday From Wound Self Inflicted Thursday.

### HE HAD BEEN ILL YEAR

Was a Leader of the Fayette County Bar Almost From Time of His Admission—Was District Attorney and State Senator—Sketch of His Career.

Hon. A. D. Boyd, nestor of the Fayette county bar, and one of the most brilliant attorneys of a generation in Pennsylvania, while mentally deranged shot himself Wednesday about 6 o'clock at his home in Uniontown. He died from the wound at 3:50 o'clock Thursday morning. Col. Boyd was 65 years old.

Colonel Boyd and Mrs. Boyd were sitting in his room last evening when dinner was announced. Mrs. Boyd asked him to come down with her to dinner. He replied that he did not feel like eating and would sit there until she returned. Mrs. Boyd then went to the dining room where, with her sons Edgar Wilson Boyd and Wallace Boyd, she sat down to dinner. In a few minutes they heard a shot. All ran quickly to Colonel Boyd's room. He was lying on the bed, with a revolver from which one shot had been fired on the floor at his bedside. Colonel Boyd was conscious and remained so until death came this morning.

The bullet was fired in his groin and entered the brain. Dr. J. D. Sturgeon and Dr. A. E. Crow worked all night with the despondently wounded man, but his injury was fatal beyond all medical service. Colonel Boyd had been in ill health for more than a year.

Hon. Albert Darlington Boyd was a Senator of Pennsylvania and a political leader; but he had a distinction far greater than this. He was a conceded leader of the Fayette county bar—a bar celebrated for its ability. His legal career began when he was twenty-four. He almost instantly came into prominence. In less than two years after his admission to the bar he was elected District Attorney. During his second year in office, he tried the case of Jacob Stupp for the murder of his neighbor, Alpheus Glover. Stupp was defended by the ablest members of the Uniontown bar, lawyers who afterward achieved a State and national reputation; but Boyd defeated him in two successive trials. Stupp was sentenced to death. Pending a third trial, he escaped from jail. Twenty years after, he was captured, retried and finally acquitted. Boyd emerged from the Stupp case with his reputation made. At the second trial Colonel Boyd defended Stupp.

In a majority of the celebrated criminal cases tried in the Fayette county courts during the last quarter of this century, Colonel Boyd had been engaged on one side or the other. But his most distinct professional success was won in the civil courts.

He had a big share of the civil court practice, and he was too busy a lawyer to be a politician. So, when in 1885, the Democrats of the Fortieth Senatorial district selected him by a unanimous vote of the conference as its candidate for Senator, it was intended as a tribute to his ability and special fitness for the office, instead of as a reward of a self-seeking politician. And when the people elected him to the Senate by a liberal majority they reflected credit on themselves. He took high rank in that body of representative lawmakers.

Albert Darlington Boyd was born in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1845. He was descended from Virginia stock, his great-grandfather, William Boyd, having removed from near Winchester, in the Shenandoah valley, to Fayette county in 1754. He settled in Bullskin township, where he patented "Springshill," a tract of two hundred and forty acres, a part of which is still in possession of his descendants. He was one of the earlier Justices of the Peace, his commission dating from 1872.

Albert D. Boyd's grandfather, Hon. Robert Boyd, was one of the associate judges of the county. Boyd's parents were William Boyd and Jane C. (Burgess) Boyd. As a farmer's lad, Albert worked on the farm in the summer and attended the district school during the brief winter term, until he acquired enough learning to teach school himself.

From a country school teacher he slowly wended his way upward. He taught school for a number of terms in his native and surrounding townships, and one year in Connelville. Outside of his common school course, he attended two terms at Morgantown, W. Va., academy. While teaching school he registered as a law student with the late Judge Alpheus E. Willson, and during his vacations and at other intervals, mastered his legal course, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He rose rapidly in his profession, was elected District Attorney by the Democrats in 1871, served until 1874 with great credit, and since then had been a general practitioner, tending more and more in recent years to exclusive practice in the civil courts.

He was an all-around lawyer. He

was strong in all lines. He had great power as a jury advocate. He had all the natural advantages of an orator; but no lawyer at the bar strove less than he for oratorical effect. He was too much in earnest in his speeches to consider the arts of the rhetorician; but his oratory had an unstudied grace, and he was a close and absolutely clear reasoner. He was eloquent in the sense of being splendidly earnest and in a flow of lucid English that always conveyed ideas which is the only kind of eloquence that amounts to anything.

Boyd never wasted words. In physical advantages he was a man in



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a thousand. Tall and massive, though symmetrical build, with handsome, clear-cut features and blond complexion contrasting with the closely cropped gray hair which surmounted a shapely head, he would attract attention in any crowd. Two sentences from an editorial tribute of *Reverend Conkling* when he died years ago, so exactly describe Boyd that they are quoted here: "Mr. Conkling was preeminently a manly man. His sturdy physique, his lofty but unassuming bearing, his pungent speech, were all instinct with vitality."

One got of Boyd at first view the impression of his mighty reserve strength. The late Hon. Charles E. Boyle, who was one of the leaders of the Pennsylvania bar, and who died in the zenith of his fame as Chief Justice of Washington, once in conversation paid Boyd a high compliment. Boyle was cordial accurate in his views and opinions. He never overstated anything. Boyd's able advocacy of his (Boyle's) claim before a noted political conference, and his unanswerable arguments in support of these claims, had just been reported to him. Boyle said: "I am more than satisfied. Boyd is a strong man." Boyd happened to be passing just then. After he had gone out of hearing, Boyle looked after him and repeated slowly: "He is a very strong man."

At another time Mr. Boyle said that "Boyd has more law in his tongue's end than any of us." In Boyd's most famous murder case, that of Nicholas Lyman Dukes for the killing of Captain A. C. Nutt in December, 1882, he was opposed to Boyle, who defended Dukes. Boyd made the opening speech to the jury for the Commonwealth.

In politics Mr. Boyd was a Democrat. He was chairman of the county committee several times. He never aspired to any public office from 1871 when he was chosen District Attorney, until 1898 when, at the solicitation of his many Democratic friends, he was unanimously chosen Democratic candidate for the Senate from the Fourth district that included Fayette and Greene counties and was elected over John K. Byrne of Everston.

One of Mr. Boyd's most admirable traits was his unselfishness. He was most generous and helpful towards the young attorneys who were struggling for recognition in their law practice. Many helpful hints were given attorneys who have since made their mark in the Fayette county bar. Loyal and generous at all times, Colonel Boyd had a host of friends and no enemies. It can be truthfully said that Mr. Boyd did not have an enemy in the world.

Mr. Boyd married Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Patterson, of Uniontown. To that union were born Edward Willson Boyd, Samuel P. Boyd, attorneys who were located in law practice with their father, Albert D. Boyd, Jr., and Wallace Boyd, civil engineers, and Mary, wife of Charles

Bowman. Mrs. Boyd and five children survive. Mrs. Lloyd Johnson of Connelville is a sister.

Shortly after his marriage Col. Boyd purchased "Locust Hill" at Center street and Pennsylvania avenue, where he and his family have since resided.

The Fayette County Bar Association convened at noon for the purpose of taking appropriate action. In the absence of President Allen F. Cooper, Attorney A. Plummer Austin presided. He appointed Judge R. E. Umblel, D. W. McDonald and A. C. Hagan a committee to visit the home of Judge Umblel said everything had been done that could be. The committee was then directed to secure floral tributes and appoint pallbearers, both honorary and active.

Judge Nathaniel Ewing, Judge S. Leslie Mestrezar and R. F. Hopwood were appointed a committee to draft resolutions and the time honored formality will be followed of presenting them in open court. The committee will report not later than a week from next Tuesday when the court will set a day for their presentation, along with other resolutions.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made but it will probably be



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held Saturday afternoon. Efforts failed this morning to reach one son, Samuel T. Boyd, at Webster Springs, W. Va., and in any event he will now be unable to reach Uniontown before Saturday because of inadequate train service.

### KING DAVID LODGE

Holds Installation of Officers at Dunbar Thursday.

DUNBAR, Oct. 6.—King David Lodge, No. 826 L. O. O. F. met in regular session Thursday evening in L. O. O. F. hall and after a short business session District Deputy Grand Master John Stafford of General Work Lodge L. O. O. F. of Connelville, installed the newly elected officers for the current term as follows: Noble Grand, J. R. Feltz; Vice Grand, Edward Crowe; Warden, W. H. Johns; Conductor, Adam Bryson; Right Supporter to Noble Grand, Bert Golden; Left Supporter to Noble Grand, C. K. Barnes; Right Supporter to Vice Grand, A. R. Duncan; Left Supporter to Vice Grand, Clyde Hay; Right Supporter to W. H. Johns, W. N. Nowbrough; Chaplain, John Williams; Inside Guardian, Joseph Williams; Outside Guardian, R. A. Rodkey; Trustee, George E. Hostettler; Noble Grand J. R. Feltz, Vice Grand Edward Crowe and Warden W. H. Johns composed the Relief Committee. Joseph Williams was elected delegate to the next convention.

### MRS. ELIZABETH LONGANECKER

Dies Suddenly on Wednesday at Her Masonic Home.

MASONSTOWN, Oct. 5.—Clasped in the arms of her nephew, Lawrence Coffman, who had gone to her assistance when she appeared ill, Mrs. Elizabeth Longanecker, aged 77, died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 of heart failure.

Mrs. Longanecker, who was the widow of David Longanecker, was well and favorably known in Masonic circles. She is survived by her adopted son Earl, two brothers, William and Henry Coffman, of McClintock, and one sister, Mrs. Poundstone, of Baisinger.

### TRUNK MYSTERY SOLVED.

Court Grants \$1,200 Judgment on Box Lost by Carrier.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 5.—A trunk that is being moved by an express or transportation company, or otherwise apart from and disconnected with the transportation of the person who owns the trunk, is not baggage, and such company receiving and losing it is liable for its full value, according to a decision by the New York State Court of Appeals.

The action was against the New York Transportation Company, which contended it was liable only for \$100. A judgment of \$1,200 was rendered.

## M. E. CONFERENCE ELECTS DELEGATES.

Spirited Contests to Pick Laymen and the Ministers.

### DR. CONNER IS THE LEADER

Efforts to Place Favored Candidates Met With Speedy Action That Resulted in Defeat For All of Them. Blairsville Next Meeting Place.

After months of campaigning, which became quite spirited in the past few days, 12 delegates—six ministers and six laymen—were on Friday elected by the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now holding its annual convention in the South Avenue Church, Wilkingsburg, as its representatives at the quadrennial general conference of the church at Minneapolis, Minn., next May.

The ministerial delegates are: Rev. Dr. W. F. Conner, superintendent of the Pittsburgh district; Rev. Dr. J. J. Hill, superintendent of the Blairsville district; Rev. Dr. J. B. Risk, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Uniontown, Pa.; Rev. L. W. Cary, pastor of the First Church of Indiana, Pa.; Rev. Dr. N. L. Brown, pastor of the Brush Run Methodist Episcopal Church of Pittsburgh; and Rev. Dr. S. S. Ross, superintendent of the McKeesport district. One of the three alternate ministerial delegates is Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn, Jr., superintendent of the Allegheny district. Ballots were cast for the other two alternate delegates but they were not counted yesterday.

The following are the lay delegates: James A. Hinton of Sewickley and Elmer E. Kidney of Bellevue of the Allegheny district; Norman H. Humphreys of the Blairsville district; James McCune of McKeesport, of the McKeesport district; Harry G. Samuel of Pittsburgh of the Pittsburgh district; and Claude E. Towner of Monacaugh of the Washington district. The following three were elected as alternate delegates: S. W. Bierer of Greensburg of the Blairsville district; W. B. McFall of Pittsburgh of the Pittsburgh district; and W. E. H. Harbison of Blairsville of the Washington district.

The election in both bodies was hotly contested and consumed the greater part of the day. Instead of using the Australian secret ballot system, as had been planned, both conferences had their members write six names on a slip of paper and deposited these as their ballot. The first ballot thus cast by the ministerial conference contained a total of 60 names, of which two Drs. Conner and Hill, had a majority of the 21 ballots cast, and were declared elected. Drs. Risk and Cary were elected on the second ballot, Dr. Brown on the third and Dr. Ross on the fourth.

At the opening of the laymen's conference considerable opposition was manifested by some of the delegates over a rule contained in the report of the committee on rules in favor of having each delegate write the names of six on a slip of paper, which was to serve as a ballot. A group of the candidates had resorted to political methods and sought to dictate the personnel of the delegation to the general conference by having the names of their six favorites printed in the form of "slates" and trying to have these printed slips used. These printed lists were ruled out and required in the defeat of practically every name appearing thereon. It required three ballots to elect the six delegates and two ballots to choose the three alternates.

The Lay Electoral Association opened its session at 10 A. M., with 323 lay delegates present, nearly every Methodist Episcopal church in the Pittsburgh Conference being represented. The gathering was called to order by A. G. Williams of Butler, the temporary chairman, and Rev. Dr. E. Trumbull Lee, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, where the laymen voted, delivered the invocation. Officers were then elected as follows: President, Attorney Harvey Henderson; vice president, A. G. Williams of Butler, and T. R. Wylie of Elizabeth, secretary.

Ministerial students were promoted as follows: First to second year—Oscar C. Cooke, Jr. of Broadhead, Perry E. Britt, Foster M. Gray, Richard E. Andrews, who also received degrees. Third to fourth year—Charles A. Hartung, Leroy L. Lord, John C. Mattoon, H. C. Cricklow, Stewart O. Smith, T. M. Pender, J. Lane Miller, and Jacob S. Slayton. The following were graduated from the four-year course and granted elder's orders: John Allison, Jr., Watson Brackston, Philip J. Chichester, Thomas F. Chilcotte, Chester A. Clark, George M. Daugherty and George J. Rowe. L. G. Ritchie was passed from second to third year and granted deacon's orders. Samuel W. Bryan of Ohio, a local preacher, was granted ordination papers as a local elder.

Blairsville was decided upon as the place for holding the next conference. Homestead was the only other place asking for the honor.

Church Clerk 32 Years. D. M. Hertzog, Esq., of Uniontown has been elected for the 33rd time clerk of the Great Bethel Baptist church of Uniontown.

## MISSIONARY WOMEN

Of Redstone Presbytery Hold Annual Meeting in Uniontown.

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## FRANCIS SCHLINGER CALLED BY DEATH.

Former Resident of Connelville Dies at Broad Ford.

### FATHER OF JULES SCHLINGER

Came From France to Pittsburg and Then to Connelville as Machinist in the Old Locomotive Works—Was Past 33 Years of Age.

Francis Sebastian Schlinger, aged 33 years, 10 months and 27 days, a resident of this section for a number of years, and a former Connelville resident, died Thursday morning at 10:26 o'clock at the home of his son, Jules Schlinger, at Broad Ford. Up until two months ago Mr. Schlinger enjoyed good health. During his illness he was confined to his bed and his death was not unexpected by his relatives. Old age was the cause of his death.

Mr. Schlinger was born and reared in France. When a young man he was married in France to Miss Frances Stier. In 1871 they came to this country and settled in Pittsburg, later they moved to Connelville. After residing here for a short time they went to Moravia Station and there the greater part of their married life was spent. About 14 years ago Mrs. Schlinger's death occurred. Mr. Schlinger, in France, learned the machinist trade, which occupation he followed for a number of years. While in Connelville he was employed at the old locomotive works, which at that time were located on First street, West Side. Mr. Schlinger has lived a retired life for some time. Since the death of his wife he had made his home with his son, Jules Schlinger, and spent the latter two years of his life at Broad Ford, where his son, Jules, is proprietor of the Broad Ford House.

Jackson Appointed Cashier.

In order to have more time to devote to his extensive real and coke interests and other outside business, G. S. Harsh has been relieved of the cashiership of the Second National bank at his own request and the board of directors filled the position by the election of Isaac Jackson of Sewickley, who assumed his duties October 1. Isaac Jackson is a brother of Dr. J. D. Jackson of Connelville.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendments be and they are hereby amended to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and published by order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in pursuance of Article XVIII of the Constitution.

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Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as may be provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness, except by an amount not exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors, except at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law, but any debt, the date of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be extended by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts herebefore incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the reconstruction of bridges and docks, or the reconstruction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, incurred or to be incurred by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenue in excess of the interest on said debt or debts and of the annual installment necessary for the redemption of said debt or debts, may be extended to increasing the same of the city and county of Philadelphia to become a revenue indebtedness. Provided, That a sinking fund for such indebtedness shall be established and made a debt of the city and county of Philadelphia. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

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## WESTERN MARYLAND WORK PROGRESSING

Rapidly at Some Points and  
Dragging Along at  
Others.

### MOST OF HEAVY WORK DONE

Though There Are a Number of  
Stretches of Considerable Distance  
on Which Little Has Been Done,  
Bridge Work is Well Along.

Despite the fact that weather has recently retarded the progress of construction work on the Western Maryland railroad between Connellsville and Cumberland a number of the sub-contractors are through with the heaviest part of their contracts. However, there is still a great amount of work to do and it will be months before the road is ready for the operation of through trains.

There are five miles of track laid from Confluence extending east to near Fort Hill. The road bed is at most sufficiently advanced to start work on the construction of the bridge spanning the Youghiogheny river and this will give, when completed, an opportunity to the track layers to work west from Confluence towards Ohio.

East from Fort Hill, the Pinkerton tunnel is not completed nor either of the bridges spanning the Casselman river on either side and the construction riveting of these after the tracks are laid westward will also consume time. East from Pinkerton through Markleton, Casselman and other places a great deal of work will be required in dressing up the road bed and putting it in proper condition for track laying through to Rockwood. From the latter place to McSpadden while some places may be sufficiently advanced to lay tracks there are a few stretches in a very rough condition.

The same conditions prevail at Garrett and vicinity and in some places the grading is not completed and one or more steam shovels are still at work. The big subway at Salisbury Junction is about two-thirds completed and this will require a good deal of time before it is in condition for laying of the tracks. Between this and Meyersdale there is a large cut to be made through a hill. Work on this cut has not been commenced yet, therefore while the contractors, the J. B. Carter Construction Company, will likely rush work rapidly, under all circumstances it will require time.

Around Keystone Junction there are some stretches of track laid down and the roadbed in this vicinity and through Sand Patch is in a good condition, the tunnel at Big Savage Mountain is away behind and with quicksand and other disadvantages to contend with the work will require much time.

West from Confluence the Foley Brothers are finishing up their road bed and there is no doubt if the weather had been favorable, their contract would have been completed before this time. Ohio and vicinity, like Confluence, will be one of the earliest places along the line at which work will be completed.

### COKE BILLING AGENCY

Will Be Established by the B. & O. in Connellsville.

Effective October 15 a radical change will be made in the freight depot organization of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Connellsville. A separate coal and coke billing agency will be established, with offices at the scales, in the upper yards. At present the local agency and the coal and coke shipments are both in charge of W. H. Towsey.

Superintendent C. L. French of the Connellsville division stated today that Mr. Towsey would be retained as the freight agent here and some agent from another point of the division will be promoted to the office of coal and coke billing agent.

"Mr. Towsey is better equipped to continue as the local freight agent," said Mr. French when asked if the present agent would be transferred to the scales office. "He enjoys the acquaintance and respect of the local patrons of his office and it would be unwise to transfer him, especially when both positions rank the same."

The changes will have a net result of an addition of one or two men to the payroll, it was stated. While one clerk will probably be dropped at the freight house, there will be two or three extra men put on at the billing office.

Mr. French stated that the change had been in contemplation even before he assumed charge of the division. At both Cumberland and Fairmont there are separate billing agents.

"The plan means efficient service for both the railroad and its patrons," Mr. French explained. "In nearly every instance the freight office is located a considerable distance from the scales and that means that after shipments are weighed the bills must be carried up to the freight house. This causes delay and sometimes confusion."

The new billing agent has not been selected nor the clerical arrangements completed.

### TIN PLATE IMPORTS.

Large Advance in Foreign Prices Cause an Increase.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—Tin plate imports are making their lowest record in many years, according to a statement just prepared by the Department of Commerce and Labor. It shows that the total quantity of tin plate imported into the United States during August was but 577,263 pounds, valued at \$25,385, against 8,129,622 pounds, valued at \$274,652, in August of last year. In July the quantity imported was 527,720 pounds, valued at \$21,971, against 24,170,647 pounds, valued at \$715,585 in July, 1910.

The total quantity of the tin plates imported in July and August of this year has been but 1,104,983 pounds, valued at \$47,356, against 22,391,259 pounds in July and August, 1910.

This heavy decline in the importation of tin plates is understood to be due chiefly to the large advance in prices of this article in foreign countries. Most of the tin plates imported in recent years has been for use in the manufacture of cans and other articles used in the export trade in which case 99 per cent. of the duty was refunded under the drawback law. The marked advance in price of tin plates abroad has apparently led to the substitution of domestic tin plate for the foreign article in the manufacture of a large proportion of the cans and other articles for use in exportation.

### CLAIMS SETTLED

By Insurance Company for Western Maryland Trestle Victims.

It is stated on good authority that the liability company retained by the Robert Hill Construction Company has adjusted all of the claims which resulted from the collapse of the trestle across the Herd bottom on June 23, when two men were killed and six injured.

Claim Agent Watson, representing the insurance company, was here for some time and it is said, has effected an amicable settlement of all the claims. One of the victims, Giacomo Pacione, is still in the hospital. The accident resulted in the death of Eugenio Castelli and Filomena di Maria; and injury of Giacomo Pacione, Luigi Accet, Gaetano di Pietro, William Sunders, and London Bush. The trestle collapsed as a railroad of dirt was about to be dumped. Antonio Dufano of Duhan represented several of the claimants in settling the cases. Laborer's movement was recorded the victim of the accidents in settling their claim.

### PLENTY OF MONEY

For Needs of the Yough River Improvements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—A committee from the McKeesport Board of Trade was in Washington yesterday to inquire into the status of the improvement of the Youghiogheny river from McKeesport to West Newton. The delegation was met here by Representative John Dalzell, who accompanied them to the War Department.

The chief engineers informed them that there would be no need of an appropriation by Congress for the Yough next year. He said there remains in the fund previously appropriated \$90,000, which will be all that the engineers can expend during the fiscal year of 1912.

### GOES BACK TO COLLEGE.

Charles L. Cool, who has been in the government forestry service in Northern Minnesota since July '09, returned to State College Wednesday, where he is a member of the Junior forestry class.

### LUMBER COMPANY SUES.

Brown Brothers, lumber dealers of Rhineland, Wis., entered suit at Linton Tuesday to recover \$175 at alleged to be due on a book account with J. C. Higinbotham of Brownsville.

The Weekly Courier \$1.00 a year.

## CREWS CHANGED ON WEST PENN.

New Barns Being Opened at  
Irwin and Oakford Car  
Sheds Abandoned.

### THROUGH RUNS NOT CHANGED

Crews on Main Line Will Not Be Run  
Beyond Greensburg for the Present.  
At Least, It Is Stated—Employees  
May Choose Their New Homes.

Reports that the West Penn is to inaugurate the system of somerby that prevails on most steam railroads, giving the oldest men in service the right to select their train, was denied this morning by Superintendent of Transportation M. A. Coffey. The only change of this nature that is being made is one that gives crews living in Jeannette the chance to say whether they shall reside in Greensburg or Irwin, owing to the fact that the Oakford Park yards are to be abandoned. About 12 families will be affected and the West Penn will permit these employees to take their choice. New car barns are to be opened at Irwin.

Under the present system the transportation department arranges the runs and the men work up to them in the order of their seniority of service. The oldest man on the division is not permitted to select his run, but is entitled to the best one.

Mr. Coffey stated today that the through crews will not be run beyond Greensburg for the present and any change is made it will be some time in the future.

### A \$75,000 DEAL.

In Coal Placed on Record in Westmoreland County.

The deed in a \$75,000 coal deal between the Shenango Furnace Company of Pittsburgh and Joseph C. Head, of Latrobe, was filed in the Recorder's office in Greensburg on Wednesday afternoon. By the deed the 75 acres of coal in the Pittsburgh plant underlying three tracts of land in Fairfield township are conveyed along with all mining rights to the Shenango company by Head.

The tracts under which the coal lies, are known as the James Wells, James McKelvey and the S. S. McKelvey farms. Underlying the first is 300 acres of coal, 101.24 under the second, and 117.1 under the third. The deed was made on August 1, this year.

### JUNK DEALERS ARRESTED

For Buying Stolen Brass From Three Somerset Negroes.

SOMERSET, Oct. 6.—Charles F. Zimmerman and Edmund Glosset, junk dealers of Somerset, were held for court at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Josiah H. Piss last night on a charge of receiving stolen goods. The men are charged with buying a large quantity of brass from three negroes who are in jail on a larceny charge. The negroes stole the brass from the Frye-Shoemaker Construction Company, the contractors making the Baltimore & Ohio improvements at this point.

It is claimed that the junk dealers made an effort to purchase the brass from the Construction company, and failed. They then bought it from the negroes who had stolen it.

### RAISES BIG FUND.

A fund of \$251,000 has been raised at Morgantown, W. Va., by the Board of Trade to aid in securing industries for the city under the "Williamson plan."

### POSTAL EXAMINATION.

A civil service examination will be held at Stewarton on October 28, for a vacancy in the postoffice at Nicolay. The receipts of the office last year were \$56.

### WADSWORTH RESIGNS

Position as Chief Engineer With the Rainey Interests.

C. B. Wadsworth, chief engineer for W. J. Rainey, a the Connellsville coke region for the last 22 years, has resigned his position to take effect Nov. 1, after which he will take a rest at his home in Ravenna, Ohio. He has not fully decided on his future plans.

It was Mr. Wadsworth's intention to leave October 1 and his resignation was made out for that date but at the request of Roy A. Rainey, who was here last week from New York, he consented to continue in charge until November 1.

In recognition of Mr. Wadsworth's long and faithful service to the Rainey interests Roy A. Rainey last Thursday presented the veteran chief engineer with an elegant gold watch and a check for a handsome sum of money. These gifts were gratefully received by Mr. Wadsworth who will always hold pleasant memories of his relations with the Rainey family and his employees. The watch is beautiful, is engraved and has the date 1888-1911.

At the time Mr. Wadsworth came from Ohio in 1888 and assumed the position of chief engineer in W. J. Rainey moved from Hill and Paul were the only Rainey plants in the region. Under the supervision of Mr. Wadsworth the Mount Braddock, Vemco Union, Elm Grove, Roscoe Fayette, Royal and Allison No. 1 and 2 plants have been built.

The Rainey's now have in the neighborhood of 1,000 acres at their various plants and between 1,200 and 1,500 of these are the Mr. Wadsworth owned and designed by Thomas J. Mitchell, former general manager for the Rainey's.

Millions of dollars have been expended in the construction of these Rainey plants and the position of Mr. Wadsworth in charge of this extensive work has been one of great responsibility. He has demonstrated special ability and a mastery of engineering problems that make him a leader in development projects. Royal and Allison are model plants and stand forth as conspicuous for their superior construction and modern improvements.

During most of his time at the region Mr. Wadsworth has been located in Uniontown and Connellsville, but his headquarters were in Vanderburgh for awhile. In recent years he has been stationed in Uniontown. There are six or seven assistant engineers under him.

### FIRST AID WORK

Demonstrated to Employees of H. C. Frick Coke Company.

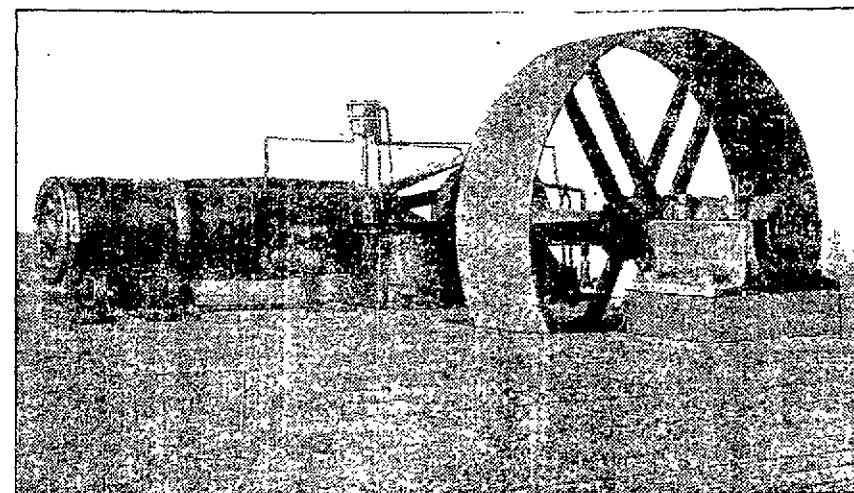
About 100 H. C. Frick employees attended the First Aid to the Injured demonstration given by Louis W. J. Shields, of the American Red Cross Society, at the Salvation Army building Thursday afternoon. At 10 o'clock the at Uniontown.

In the morning the Uniontown district including Uniontown, Leontown No. 1 and 2, Phillips, Leontown No. 2, Leontown, Somerset No. 1, 2 and 3, Brownsville, Clarksburg, Wyan, Kelly, York, Rens, Shew and Collins, were instructed in bandaging by Lieutenant Shields, while in the afternoon, the Brownsville district, consisting of the Klondike plants and the three Colman's, was well represented. The demonstrations will continue until the subject has been fully covered. The next meeting of the Uniontown and Brownsville districts will probably be held next Thursday.

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